Tobacco Culture.

IT AN EXPERIENCED VIRGINIA CULTA-Through the kindness of our friend and correspondent, W. F. Area, of Abbeville, La., we are permitted to give the following letter to our readers, which will, no doubt, be read with great interest by those who contemplate the cul-

ture of tobacco: W. F. Area Esq-My dear Sir:
-I remember with pleasure the good fortune of meeting you during the past summer, at Salem, N. | ner at the manger. Thus a pitch C. and, although we were together forward of an inch and a half in so short a time, your acquaintance made an impression which makes can stand as suits him best, either they are thoroughly ripe, and dipme anxiously await our promised meeting at same place the next the line of junction with his foresummer. I remember how much you evinced a disposition to introduce the cultivation of tobacco in your State, and that, you requested me to give you, by letter, any Scientific Farmer. information I may possess in regard to its cultivation; and I avail myself of this means to give you the benefit of my long experience in the heart of what is believed to market depends on the symmetry be the best tobacco-growing region of the animal, as well as the "fat" in the United States, and while it style, as shippers term it. Good may not be so valuable to you as if blood is important, but not absogiven by better informed producers, lutely necessary to make what is plates in layers not quite an incl I trust that you and your country- termed a good seller. In order to thick; dry it in the stove oven, men may, some day, derive bene- fatten a steer to bring the highest fits that will amply reward your market price, he must be kept in

Our process of growing and cur- and in no case allowed to go hun ing will be understood from the gry. It is the starving the first land for plants, enough to kill the shrivels up a steer, that causes him good rich spots, and sow seed du- amount of feeding will make him ring January or February, when a first-class seller no difference the weather is good, and protect what his color or blood. An anifrom stock. Transplant in May or mal well fed, of any blood, from a June, in sandy soil, 3 feet apart calf until the spring he is three each way, and cultivate as other vears old, will be smooth, with crops. When ripe, cut and house, bones well covered and will sell at with 6 or 7 plants to 41 foot stick, a profit; while a half-starved aniaccording to size of plants. Com- mal becomes crooked in the back, housing, with 90° heat or 100°, takes the best part of the summer until yellow, twenty-four hours to get in condition to live, and will will generally do this; then rise 5° not be in condition for market unevery two hours, until you reach til he is four years old, and then 130°. Keep at 130° for 4 hours, will bring a price which is unsatisthen increase until you reach 180° factory to the producer and to stalk. A barn of tabacco may be is no theory, but a fact deducted cured in this way within 3 days from close observation, as I have and 2 nights. After curing, it may tested the plan for several years. he removed to any other house to It will and does pay to feed corn give room for more, taking care to calves and to yearlings. They that it shall not get wet or mould, start out to grass in the spring

With the information I have received about your climate and soil, then able to market your cattle the I have no hesitation in saying that spring they are three years old, you might, ere long produce a weighing 1,400 pounds, which is good article of tobacco, and there-by add a new source of wealth price. The best steer I sold in to your State. It is, at least, well 1872 was a common native. He worth the effort-costing, as it does, a small outlay.

I submit these views and direc- handsome animal, and was worth Co., Washington, D. C. tions for what they may be worth, | more per pound than any I shipand thus comply with my pro- ped in 1872. He weighed in mise to you, with a great deal of Chicago 1350 pounds, aged three

Yours, most respectfully, MILTON VOSS. Danville, Va., Sept. 20, 1875. - Our Home Journal.

Keep the Stock in Condition. Farmers should take the advantage of the late fall months after the swarms of flies have ceased to inflict the stock, to get all the animals not in good thrifty condition thinned with water, applied to oniinto such a state before the severe ons, is good to keep off the maggot, weather of winter sets in Animals and to promote the growth of the put in fair flesh before cold weath onions. er comes will go through the winter much better, and with less expense to the owner than stock starting through in a poor condi-

Provide extra food, if necessary, ever of vitality. so that an abundant supply can be fed regularly, while it will do the most good. In this way a store of carbon is provided for winter use, any may, with good care and com fortable quarters, be maintained in fair condition without much pears in an hour if the windows trouble. Stock in this way may are open. be put upon grass next spring worth twice as much as if neglected during the change from green to dry food, which must soon take pressed firmly around the sides place. Unless great care is taken stock suffer more and depreciate box and left to dry over-night, will more rapidly in value during the make in every respect a more dethan at any other time. Precautions should be exercised to avoid the great losses which occur at these times. The change should be made by degrees. When the grass becomes scarce and killed by the frosts the dry food should first be supplied in small quantities, and the amount increased as the case may require. Keep the stock growing, otherwise the results will not be satisfactory. The neglect in this explains one cause of so much poor stock being sent to

our markets .- [Western Rural.

Stable Floors.

best material and style for the floors of stalls for horses. All agree that nothing is so well suited with it on for twenty-four hours, to promote the comfort of the ani and then rubbed with a linen cloth, ment Lotteries constantly on hand. mal, and to preserve the feet and | will keep clean for months. legs in a healthy condition as a level bed of earth. But for obvious reasons this is regarded as impracticable in our climate. In Eng. cut small, dissolved in four pints ERY & CO., Augusta, Maine, land it has heretofore been the cus- of water, rather hot, in a large tom to pave the floors of stalls, usually with cobble stones, giving them a slight inclination either to the rub with the hands for five or six rear or the center, where a gutter minutes. After this soaping, wash THE or grate received the urine. Re- in clean water as hot as the hand cently, good authorities have approved of the American plan of using chestnut or oak plank instead of stone, and a trial in London is the walls with a bit of pumice said to have proved that horses stone. Prevention is better than Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Editor. our common stable floors is the per, cut in circular or hexagonal pitch of from one to four inches, and bound with bright colored braids, with a ring attached to a sach week of Mr. Beecher's sack, and hung near the match-box, these unsightly disfigurements may these unsightly disfigurements may injurious for the reason that the toes of the animal are thereby turned up, and the back sinews, especially of the forelegs, kept in a sort of unnatural tension. Most dirty house. Want of light stops men would object to being compel- growth and promotes scrofula, 1 d to stand on their heels, and rickets, etc., among children. Peoho ses in pastures are seen to stand | ple lose their health in a dark wit's their fore-feet in holes which house, and if they get ill, they canthey have stamped out of the soil, not get well again in it. Three, This enables them to remove the out of many instances of neglistrain from the back sinews and gence and ignorance in managing paper. Terms \$3.20 per year, postage prepaid. give them rest. One of the best the nearest of months of the commissions and Competitive Premi devices for overcoming this diffimention as specimens. First, that mention as specimens. Cash commissions and Competitive Premi culty, in stable floors, has hereto-fore been a sort of wooden grating or movable floor placed upon the ordinary planking, the rear end of the pieces composing it being two considered necessary to air, to sun or three inches thicker than the and clean rooms, while occupied. other end, and the pieces being Third, that one window is consider-

fastened half an inch spart, so as ed enough to air a room.—[Florence to allow the urine to flow down on to the lower floor, and then to the Whitewash.—Slake half a bushgutter in the rear, as usual. This

arrangement is something expen-

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WHITEWASH .- Slake half a bushel of lime in boiling water, keeping it covered during the process. Then strain it, and add a peck of salt sive and troublesome, and a better one is desirable. The following plan has been devised and adopted for my qwn stable, and seems to answer every requirement. A floor of plank, with an inclination to the rear of two inches is laid in the a pound of clear glue dissolved in ordinary manner, except that the planks xtend only to within two feet of the front of the manger.

The space between the ends of the in a kettle, and when used, put it planking and manger are covered on as hot as possible with paint or with pieces which are of the same whitewash brushes.—[N. Y. Trithickness with the planks where bune. they join them, but are sawed so

FRENCH Mode. - The French as to be an inch and a half thinpreserve grapes all the year round by coating the clusters with lime. The bunches are picked just before two feet is obtained, and the horse as when at rest in the field, or on ped in lime water of the consis feet level, or back of it with his toes turned up. The urine flows lime-coating keeps out the air and to the rear as usual, and the extra checks any tendency to decay .-When wanted for the table, dip the clusters in warm water to remove the lime. - [Dr. Cowan's Cook

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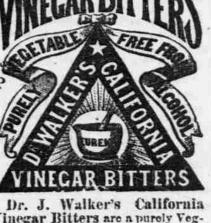
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